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Title : CHRONOTHERAPEUTIC
FORMULATIONS OF DILTIAZEM
AND THE ADMINISTRATION THEREOF

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the outstanding Official Action dated August 4, 2003 and due for response November 4, 2003, Applicant encloses a Request for a three month extension of time with the fee for a large entity of \$950.00 U.S. funds making this response due **February 4, 2004**. If there is any deficiency or surplusage of the fees enclosed for the Extension of Time, please obtain any such deficiency or credit the surplusage to Deposit Account 08-3255 and advise Applicants' Agent.

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